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APPLICANT: MAZLOUT, LAZHAR ) ART UNIT:  
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FOR: CARTON DISPENSING MACHINE

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COUNTY OF LEON  
STATE OF FLORIDA

COMES NOW the undersigned who, being duly deposed, states so that the truth be known as follows:

1. My name is HILMON S. SOREY, JR., and I am the President of the Florida Black Business Support Corporation (“the FBBSC”).
2. The FBBSC has invested over \$200,000 in the development of the CARTON DISPENSING MACHINE.
3. The CARTON DISPENSING MACHINE is now in a production-ready state.
4. The FBBSC is ready to commercialize the machine, but is unwilling to proceed without first filing for patent protection.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

*Hilmon Sorey Jr.*  
HILMON S. SOREY, JR.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003,  
by HILMON S. SOREY, JR., who is personally known to me, or who has  
produced \_\_\_\_\_ for identification, and who states  
under penalties of perjury that the foregoing statements are true.

*Paula L. Duncan*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



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COMES NOW the undersigned who, being duly deposed, states so that the truth be known as follows:

1. My name is John Wiley Horton, and I am a registered Patent Attorney, having Reg. No. 41,851.

2. I was retained in 2002 by the Florida Black Business Support Corporation to prosecute a patent application pertaining to their device known as the "CARTON DISPENSING MACHINE."

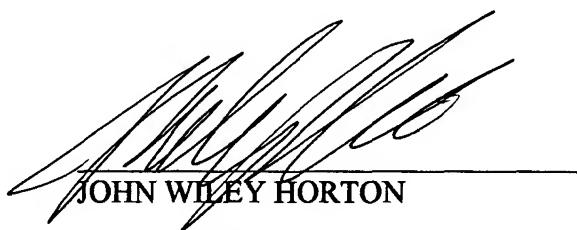
3. The application was completed by November of 2002. However, the inventors could not be located.

4. From December of 2002 until the present time, my office undertook the task of locating the missing inventors.

5. My office made calls to the last known phone number and tried several phone numbers for organizations having names similar to General Scientific Canada. Several messages were left but no individual was found having any knowledge as to the whereabouts of Mr. Mazlout or Mr. Olidi.

6. My office sent emails to the last know email address but received no reply.  
7. My office sent letters to the last known physical address but received no reply.  
8. Lacking any further contact information, I do not believe I will be able to locate Mr. Mazlout or Mr. Olidi.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.



JOHN WILEY HORTON

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003,  
by JOHN WILEY HORTON, who is personally known to me, or who has  
produced \_\_\_\_\_ for identification, and who states  
under penalties of perjury that the foregoing statements are true.

Virginia L. Ponder  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:



Virginia L. Ponder  
MY COMMISSION # DD064221 EXPIRES  
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